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1. ACCORDING TO THOMPSON, U.S. COMPANIES SHORTLISTED FOR COMPETITION SHOULD VISIT HONG KONG BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1975.

2. FINAL APPROVAL SUBWAY PROJECT PENDING RESULTS EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING SEPT. 9, 1975. DECISION WILL BE BASED ON THE TENDER PRICES FOR FIRST THREE OF 25 CIVIL ENGINEERING CONTRACTS, WHICH WILL INDICATE WHETHER HONG KONG CAN AFFORD THE PROJECT, BUT POSITIVE OUTCOME SEEMS A CERTAINTY.

3. IF ALL GOES WELL, THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL ENACT THE BILL TO FORMALLY SET UP MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORP. THE CORP. WILL REPLACE PRESENT MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY PROVINSIONAL AUTHORITY AND ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AWARD FIRST CONTRACTS TO THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS.

4. THERE ARE UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT JAPANESE FIRMS AND FINANCING MAY GET INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT AFTER ALL, WITH JAPAN'S EX-IM BANK OFFERING DEFERRAL PAYMENT FINANCING. THIS MAY BE CONFIRMED BY THE END OF JULY IF JAPANESE FIRMS SUBMIT BIDS DUE THEN.
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